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During the week there were 8 new cases of yellow fever officially reported and remaining from the previous week 9, making a total of 17 cases for the week ended October 17, 1903.

There were 18 deaths registered from all causes, of which 3 were from yellow fever, 2 from pernicious fever, 2 from tuberculosis, and 11 from noncontagious causes.

There has been some improvement both in number of cases and deaths. This is probably due to a norther, which reduced the temperature sufficiently to kill many of the mosquitoes; also many of the cess-pools have dried up, thereby destroying the larvæ.

I find the stegomyiæ decreasing in number and the anopheles increasing.

The type of yellow fever now existing seems to be of a mild form. This will be noticed by death rate as in comparison with July and August.

The surrounding country still remains badly infected.

*Report from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever, malarial fever, and tuberculosis.*

Assistant Surgeon Goldberger reports as follows: During the week ended October 17, 1903, there were officially recorded, in all, 66 deaths, of which 18 were due to yellow fever, 4 to malarial fevers, and 13 to tuberculosis.

There were officially reported during the week 52 new cases of yellow fever, but inasmuch as these diagnoses are made almost invariably without a blood examination, without which an accurate diagnosis can not be made, certainly not in this region, where the æstivo-autumnal fever is prevalent and forms of which simulate yellow fever very closely, these figures should be considerably reduced.

There has been a considerable increase in the reported mortality from tuberculosis thus far this month, probably due in considerable measure to several "northers," which reduced the average temperature 6° to 8° C. This drop in the temperature may also explain, in connection with the sanitary measures now enforced, the reduction in the number of cases of yellow fever and the increase in malaria.

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*Report from Bluefields, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows for the week ended October 17, 1903: Present officially estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths during the week, 1; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and intestinal disorders; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 11	Harald .....	18	0	0	0
15	Esther .....	18	10	0	14
16	Gyller .....	14	0	0	0